



## Interoffice Memo Office of Design Policy & Support

**DATE:** 6/10/2022

**FILE:** P.I.# 0013595  
Dooley County / GDOT District 3 - Thomaston  
I-75 @ CR 157/Findley Road 3 MI S of Pinehurst

**FROM:** *for* *Dane Peters*  
R. Christopher Rudd, PE, State Design Policy Engineer

**TO:** SEE DISTRIBUTION

**SUBJECT:** APPROVED DETOUR REPORT

Attached is the approved Detour Report with Notice of Detour Approval for the above subject project.

Attachment

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## Detour Report

**DATE:** 4/29/2022

**FILE:** P.I.# 0013595

Dooly County / GDOT District 3 - Thomaston

CR 157/FINDLEY ROAD @ I-75 3 MI S OF PINEHURST BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

*Bryan Willaims*

**FROM:** *for* Kimberly Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administrator

**TO:** R. Christopher Rudd, P.E., State Design Policy Engineer  
Attn: Dave Peters, P.E., State Conceptual Design Group Manager

**SUBJECT:** Request for Detour Approval

**Description and Project Proposal:** The project will replace the existing bridge that was built in 1960. The bridge is located at the CR 157/Findley Road/Bowen Road overpass crossing I-75 in Dooly County. Construction consists of replacing the existing two-lane bridge with a new two-lane bridge. The bridge will consist of one 11-ft lane and 4-ft paved shoulders in each direction. The proposed bridge will be replaced on the existing alignment with the use of an off-site detour.

The roadway typical section consists of one 11-ft lane and 6-ft shoulder (2-ft paved) in each direction. Overall project length is approximately 0.2 miles. The estimated construction time is 18 months.

**Concept Approval Date:** Concept was approved 11/07/2018.

**Reason a Detour is required:** The proposed detour route would require vehicle travel an additional 2.97 miles on local roads with equal or greater functional capacity. This preferred alternative would have a smaller footprint, no right of way acquisition required as well as fewer environmental impacts. The estimated total cost is \$3,463,459.12 with 18 months of construction time.

Replacing the existing bridge with staged construction would yield additional costs from more environmental impacts, right of way acquisition, longer project length, longer duration of construction and maintaining one lane traffic. The estimated total cost of 3,820,352.43 with 24 months of construction time.

**Estimated Detour Construction:** 7 months

**Existing Traffic:** 24-hour truck percentage = 16.8%  
2023 average daily traffic = 60  
Traffic DHV = 15




**Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Detour Route:** See the attached PDOH response letter. This will serve as the office of environmental services' approval of the detour.

The detour route will use existing local routes that will not require any improvements. Thus, it does not warrant any further environmental analysis.

**Public Detour Meeting Results:** Please refer to the attached PDOH response letter for summary of comments.

- Attendance at Open House: 8
  - Total number of comments received: 1
  - Supporting the project: 1
  - Opposing the project: 0
  - Uncommitted: 0
  - Conditional Support: 0

**Recommendations:** Recommend that the detour route for the project be approved and that the attached Notice be approved for advertising.

<b>Concur:</b>	 <b>Hiral Patel</b> <small>Digitally signed by Hiral Patel DN: C=US, E=hpatel@dot.ga.gov, CN=Hiral Patel Date: 2022.06.08 17:45:54-04'00'</small>	6/8/2022
	_____ GDOT Director of Engineering	_____ Date

<b>Approve:</b>	_____	6/9/2022
	<small>For</small> _____ GDOT Chief Engineer	_____ Date

Attachments:

- Project Location Map
- Detour Map
- Local Emergency, School and Public Officials Detour Impact Forms
- PDOH Summary Letter
- Notice of Detour Approval



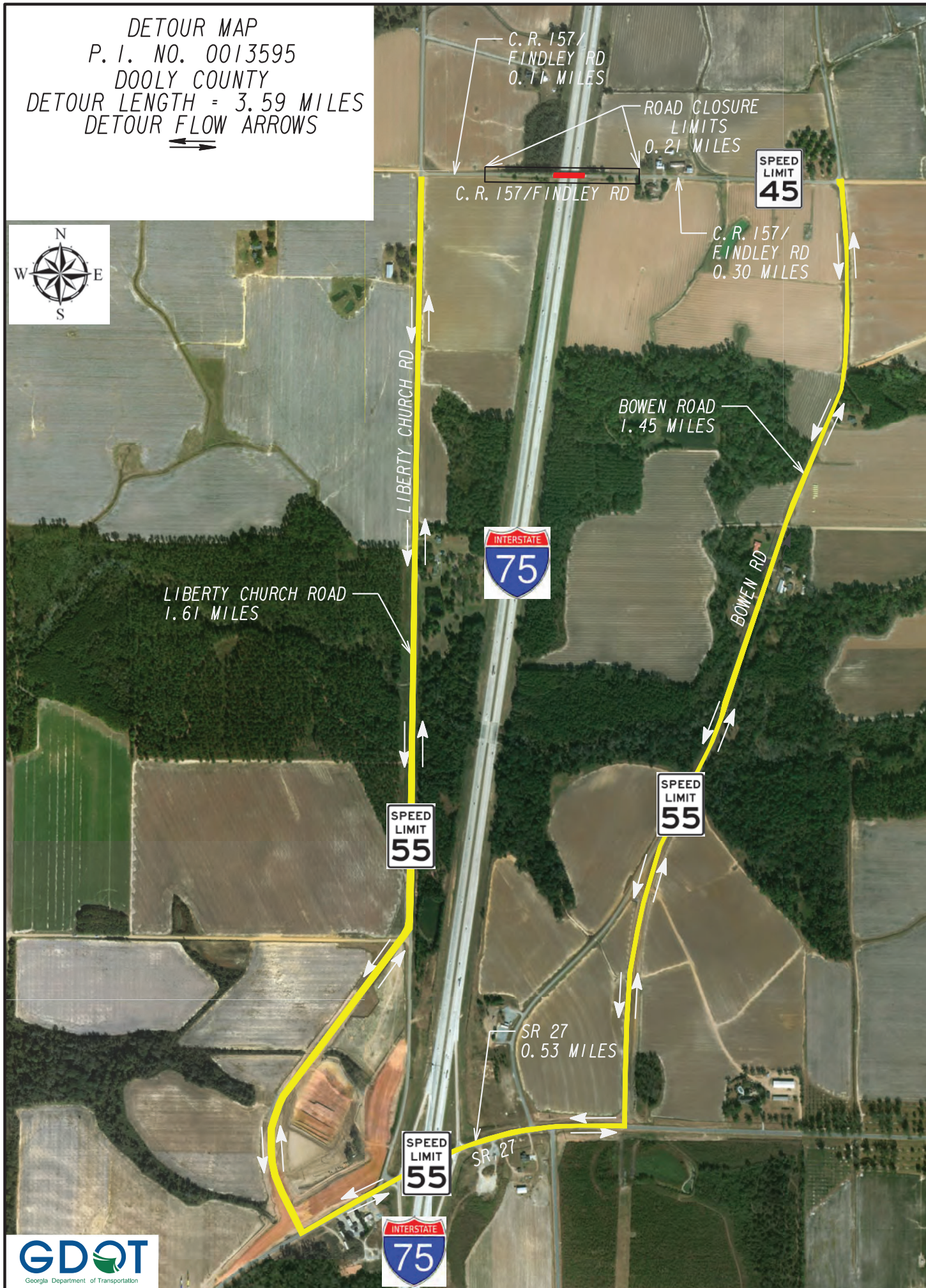
## PROJECT LOCATION MAP



PROJECT: P.I. No. 0013595, BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OF CR 157/FINDLEY ROAD OVER I-75,  
3.5 MILES S.E. OF PINEHURST, 4.2 MILES N.E. OF VIENNA



DETOUR MAP  
P. I. NO. 0013595  
DOOLY COUNTY  
DETOUR LENGTH = 3.59 MILES  
DETOUR FLOW ARROWS  
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Georgia Department of Transportation  
Bridge Replacement Project  
Detour Impact Form for Emergency Medical Services (EMS)  
PI No. 0013595, Bridge Serial No. 093-0017-0, Dooly County

1. Please rate the impact to Emergency Response services if the bridge were closed for up to a year.

☐ No Impact

☒ Low Impact

☐ Moderate Impact

☐ High Impact

2. If concerns were identified on # 1, please specify what they are, and be as specific as possible (examples: condition of detour routes, located in a high call volume area, closure could affect response to schools, weight restrictions, expected new development in the area, coordination with partner agency required to facilitate service). *In order for the project to continue in the Preliminary Engineering phase, any concerns regarding impact on service, must be addressed by project staff. For example, if the box for "High Impact" is checked, a response of N/A would not be valid.*

NONE

3. Are there any future time periods or events that you know of where bridge closure would be of particular concern? Please note the event and any details you are familiar with.

None

4. Is there anyone you feel we should contact specifically regarding this project? Please note their name, contact information, and reason we should contact them?

None

5. Are there any additional comments you have for this project? Are the road names referenced the names the locals would use?

Form Completed by (Name):

(Title):

Date:

Kenny Calhoun, Dooly County  
Fire Coordinator & EMA Director  
April 18, 2022



By checking this box, we support the bridge replacement utilizing an offsite detour.



Georgia Department of Transportation  
Bridge Replacement Project  
Detour Impact Form for Local Government/County  
PI No. 0013595, Bridge Serial No. 093-0017-0, Dooly County

Using the attached detour map, please respond to the questions below. Please provide as much information as you feel is necessary. Please respond to all questions – use “N/A” or “Not-known” if no relevant information to question is available. If you need additional information or mapping for this project, please contact us using the information provided in the cover letter.

1. Please quantify the number of impacts anticipated by the off-site detour shown on the attached map.

Daily Number of vehicles \_\_\_\_\_ Daily Number of Trucks \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Residences \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Businesses \_\_\_\_\_  
Detour Length \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please rate the impact on service if the bridge were closed for up to a year? (Please note that any concerns identified here must be explained in #3 below, in order for the Project Designers to address the concerns)

☒ No Concerns ☐ Moderate Concerns ☐ Major Concerns

3. **If concerns were identified** on #2. Please specify what they are below, be as specific as possible (Conditions of detour route, location of students, new development expected, weight restrictions, etc.). *In order for the project to continue in the Preliminary Engineering phase, any concerns regarding impact on service, must be addressed by project staff. For example, if the box for “Major Concerns” is checked, a response of N/A would not be valid.*

4. Are there any future time periods or events that you know of where bridge closure would be of particular concern? Please note the event and any details you are familiar with.

N/A

5. Is there anyone you feel we should contact specifically regarding this project? Please note their name, phone number, and reason we should contact them? (Separate letters and detour forms have been sent to the County EMA Director and the Superintendent of Schools.)

N/A

6. Are there any additional comments you have regarding the project? Are the road names referenced the names the locals would use?

N/A

7. Estimated width of existing right-of-way at bridge 60 ft

Form Completed by (Name): Stephen C. Sanders  
(Title): Adm - Dooly County Commissioners  
Date: 4-25-2022



By checking this box, we support the bridge replacement utilizing an off-site detour.



Georgia Department of Transportation  
Bridge Replacement Project  
Detour Impact Form for School Board  
PI No. 0013595, Bridge Serial No. 093-0017-0, Dooly County

Using the attached detour map, please respond to the questions below. Please provide as much information as you feel is necessary. Please respond to all questions – use “N/A” or “Not-known” if no relevant information to question is available. If you need additional information or mapping for this project, please contact us.

1. How many School Buses cross the bridge per day?

Number of Buses 1 Number of Trips 2

2. Please rate the impact on service if the bridge were closed for up to a year?

☒ No Concerns ☐ Moderate Concerns ☐ Major Concerns

3. If concerns were identified on # 1, please specify what they are, and be as specific as possible (Conditions of detour route, location of students, new development expected, weight restrictions, etc.). *In order for the project to continue in the Preliminary Engineering phase, any concerns regarding impact on service, must be addressed by project staff. For example, if the box for “Major Concerns” is checked, a response of N/A would not be valid.*

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4. Are there any future time periods or events that you know of where bridge closure would be of particular concern? Please note the event and any details you are familiar with.

NO

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5. Is there anyone you feel we should contact specifically regarding this project? Please note their name, phone number, and reason we should contact them?

NO

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6. Are there any additional comments you have regarding the project? Are the road names referenced the names the locals would use?

NO

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Form Completed by (Name): Dana Ivory  
(Title): Operations Coordinator  
Date: 4/27/2022

☒ By checking this box, we support the bridge replacement utilizing an offsite detour.



PI#(s): 0013595, County: Dooly

**GDOT NEPA Planner:** Yasmeen Qadimasil

**Date Submitted:** 11/18/2019

**Consultant Preparer (if applicable):** NV5

**GDOT Project Manager:** Jonathan Barnettl

**By copy of this summary, please review the comments and provide responses within the draft response letter by 12/13/2019.**

**Major Concerns:**

none

**Public Officials:**

Eugene Cason, Dooly County Commissioner  
Steve Sanders, Dooly County Commissioner  
Terrell Hudson, Dooly County Commissioner  
Rodney Hair, Dooly County Public Works

**Media:**

News Observer - Dooly County

**Disposition of Comments:**

*Office of Program Delivery/Office of Innovative Delivery*

Nature of Comment	Comment #
Only concern is noise from the Interstate due to vegetation removal.	1

**Please find attached a PDF of all comments and the public official sign in sheet (or a link to the PDF) and a Word document of the draft response letter.**

Cc (by email): Jonathan Barnett Project Manager,  
David Henry- Transystems, Project Designer  
Katrina Anderson, Assistant ROW Administrator  
Landon Perry, Traffic Operations  
Matthew Fowler, Assistant Office Head of Planning

PDF to Projectwise



PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE  
PUBLIC/CITY OFFICIALS SIGN-IN SHEET

PROJECT: , PI. NO. 0013595

Dooly COUNTY

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**Russell R. McMurry, P.E., Commissioner**  
One Georgia Center  
600 West Peachtree NW  
Atlanta, GA 30308  
(404) 631-1990 Main Office

April 3, 2020

Mr. and Ms. McGahee  
2315 Findley Road  
Pinehurst, GA 31070

Re: Response to Open House Comment for PI# 0013595, Dooly County, I-75 @ CR 157/Findley Road, 3 Miles South of Pinehurst, Georgia

Dear Mr. and Ms. McGahee

Thank you for your comment concerning the proposed project referenced above. We appreciate your participation and all of the input that was received as a result of the *October 29, 2019 Detour Open House*. Every written comment received, and verbal comment given to the court reporter will be made part of the project's official record.

A total of **8** people attended the open house. Only **1** respondent formally commented and was in support of the project.

The attendees of the open house and those persons sending in comments within the comment period raised the following questions. The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) has prepared this one response letter that addresses the comments received so that everyone can be aware of the questions raised and the responses given. Please find the comment summarized below (in *italics*) followed by our response.

- *"Only concern is noise from the Interstate due to vegetation removal."*

Response: This project has been assessed for noise impacts, according to the GDOT *Highway Noise Abatement Policy for Federal-Aid Projects* (effective February 2016) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) guidelines for assessing highway traffic-generated noise. GDOT does not consider the planting of vegetation or landscaping as an acceptable abatement measure. Based on FHWA guidance ([https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/Environment/noise/regulations\\_and\\_guidance/polguide/polguide05.cfm](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/Environment/noise/regulations_and_guidance/polguide/polguide05.cfm)), dense buffers of mature vegetation are not considered as suitable noise abatement, unless they are 200 feet or more in width. Research has shown that buffers less than 200 feet wide provide a visual barrier but do little to reduce actual noise. It is not anticipated that this project would change the current line of sight between the nearest residences and the interstate by either removing significant amounts of vegetation, or by changing the topography of the area.

Again, thank you for your comments. Should you have further questions, comments or concerns, please call the project manager, Jonathan Barnett, at 205-807-5046 or the environmental analyst, Yasmeen Qadimasil, at 404-631-1801.

Sincerely,

Eric Duff  
State Environmental Administrator

ED/yq/ts

cc Jonathan Barnett, GDOT Project Manager (via email)  
PDF for Project File



# NOTICE OF DETOUR APPROVAL

## P. I. 0013595 DOOLY COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the use of and the routing of a detour for this project.

The date of detour approval is: **June 10, 2022**

The project will replace the existing bridge that was built in 1960. The bridge is located at CR 157/Findley Rd/Bowen Rd overpass crossing I-75 in Dooly County. Construction consists of replacing the existing two-lane bridge with a new two-lane bridge. The bridge will consist of one 11-ft lane and 4-ft paved shoulders in each direction. The approach roadway will consist of one 11-ft lane and 6-ft shoulder (2-ft paved) in each direction. The proposed bridge will be replaced on the existing alignment using an off-site detour. The length of the project is approximately 0.2 miles.

CR 157/Findley Rd/Bowen Rd will be closed off with detours starting/ending at the western end of the corridor; from Liberty Church Rd/ CR 157 intersection to Bowen Road/CR 157 intersection, the detour length is about 3.6 miles. The normal route is approximately 0.62 miles to the Bowen Road/ CR 157 intersection. The detour will be in place approximately 7 months.

Drawings or maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation. For information or questions regarding the Detour Route, please contact:

Brandon Nash, Area Manager  
District 3, Area 3  
[bnash@dot.ga.gov](mailto:bnash@dot.ga.gov)  
200 Julianne Drive  
Perry, GA 31069  
478-998-7151